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The Non-Resistant Letter.

To the Editor of the Times—Sir:

Let me not pick up your ears to listen to tales of soft things in store, as this article does not concern him. Neither are barley and wheat raisers much interested in this "ray" for most of the land treated of herein, although adapted to the growth of grain, is yet in a condition not to tempt the skimmers of soil. Only those sturdy sons and daughters of man that are willing to invest blood and muscle will be much interested in what I am about to place on paper. The slant of the sun is an important factor in value of soil. North slopes are in this locality more valuable than south slopes, from the fact that most things can be grown on them without irrigation. This fact has been known to clear observers for years. The writer has been experimenting on north slopes for thirty years, and has proven their capacity to produce more and better fruits than any other. Or more correctly, a better quality of fruit than any other, especially apples and all other fruit grown in this latitude and longitude, and is adapted to the climate. I have claimed on the public that there is no possibility of over-production of good fruit. This is the fact, and the lands available for the production of the most desirable fruits are as yet unoccupied, and for the most part, owned by the public or the railroad companies. Every hill and mountain in the State and the State is nine-tenths hills and mountains, and is a north slope. Some, it is admitted, are too steep to be cultivated at present, but not too steep to be utilized eventually, with small exceptions.

In all countries that have as little rain as ours the economy of moisture is a grand desideratum. The north slopes north of the equator do it, and render irrigation unnecessary. In this latitude, for instance, the current and cherry (thousands of dollars worth of which are consumed and none produced) do not do well on south slopes, but will nicely on the northern presentations.

The cherry and currant are not the only exception. Apples, peaches, pears, and even grapes will do better on northern slopes, as the product will be later in ripening and meet a better market, and better keeping qualities and a better flavor.

Then the nut-bearing trees are all adapted to the north slopes. When the hour of securing the nuts comes, the consideration these latter should never be left out. Also the fact that nuts can be held for months and years without loss, and thus avoid the need of forcing a market. This is the fact, and the nuts which will eventually come to be the staple of the small farmers reliance, as the wool and wine of the south, and the grapes previously. North slopes where too steep for ordinary culture, must be terraced or cultivated by benches. This terrace culture is a great addition to a landscape and a valuable one. It is the elements for plant life. On this slope the added thickness at the base of the embankment, the sponge of storage for moisture, where the roots of trees and shrubs will find it. I have come to look at these things as personalities and talk of them as having intelligence. It is a grade of intelligence for the connecting link between plant life and that of the several animals is now recognized, so that any man and ask my sympathies in their struggles to survive and be happy. And it is no stretch of fancy to listen to their laughter and smile with their smiles. These northern slopes are always congenial to southern exposure, so that any climate is available in which to live. The difference of temperature between day and night here makes the selection of building sites a great item. This must be done with judgment, or disastrous consequences to health ensue. Few northern exposures are proper for dwellings of man or least north of the equator.

F. M. SHAW.

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Los Angeles, Nov. 16, 1883.

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